

House File 520 - Introduced

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BY HEATON and UPMEYER

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to medical assistance program criteria for
2 admission to a psychiatric medical institution for children.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2662YH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 135H.3, Code 2007, is amended by adding
1 2 the following new unnumbered paragraph:
1 3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A child who is diagnosed with a
1 4 biologically based mental illness as defined in section
1 5 514C.22 and meets the medical assistance program criteria for
1 6 admission to a psychiatric medical institution for children
1 7 shall be deemed to meet the acuity criteria for inpatient
1 8 benefits under a group policy, contract, or plan providing for
1 9 third-party payment or prepayment of health, medical, and
1 10 surgical coverage benefits issued by a carrier, as defined in
1 11 section 513B.2, or by an organized delivery system authorized
1 12 under 1993 Iowa Acts, ch. 158, that is subject to section
1 13 514C.22.

EXPLANATION

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1 15 This bill amends Code section 135H.3 to provide that a
1 16 child who is diagnosed with a biologically based mental
1 17 illness, as defined in new Code section 514C.22, and meets the
1 18 medical assistance program criteria for admission to a
1 19 psychiatric medical institution for children is deemed to meet
1 20 the acuity criteria for specified third-party payment of
1 21 inpatient benefits.
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